Huge sugar stock in Andhra Pradesh

1965. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request from Andhra Pradesh Government for release of entire sugar stock of five Public Sector and six co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(b) if so, the quantity of sugar released/proposed to be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requests have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of entire stock of 100894.8 M.Ts pertaining to 5 public sector and 6 cooperative sugar mills. The entire quantity was released in 6 equal monthly instalments commencing from December 2002 to May 2003.

However, the said quantity of sugar could not be sold within the prescribed validity period and on the request of the State Government, the balance quantity of 53308.7 M.Ts is again being released *i.e.* 43600.0 M.Ts of Nizam Sugars Ltd. in 6 monthly equal instalments and 9708.7 M.Ts of 4 Cooperative Sugar mills in 2 monthly equal instalments *w.e.f.* July 2003.

Antyodaya card holders

†1966. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether every month grain like wheat and rice are supplied through ration shops to the poor people holding antyodaya cards;

(b) if so, the number of such card holders who are covered under the antyodaya scheme;

(c) whether they are getting sufficient quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details and the quantum of grain given to the ration

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.